Modelling nebular-phase stripped-envelope supernovae with SUMO

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Why study supernova light curves and spectra?



Late-phase spectra ($t \gtrsim 100$ d)



- Whole ejecta creates spectrum : can see each layer in the SN
- $\bullet~{\sf Emission}~{\sf lines} \to {\sf direct}~{\sf measure}~{\sf of}~{\sf abundances}$
- \bullet Still complex line formation process \rightarrow need NLTE radiative transfer models

Stripped-envelope supernovae : about 1 in 4 explosions



Volume-limited

Data from Li+2011

Stripped-envelope SNe : Questions where nebular modelling can help

 What are the progenitors (M_{ZAMS}, Z, Ω, B, binarity) and what is the cause of the mass loss?



• How does the explosion occur?

• What is their contribution to galactic element production?



The SUMO code : nebular phase spectral modelling with 5 blocks of coupled physics



Jerkstrand 2011, PhD thesis, Jerkstrand+2011,2012

 Code is 1D but allows for macroscopic mixing and clumping by 'virtual grid' option.

Models available



Case study : SN 2011dh (Type IIb) - best-observed stripped-envelope SN since 1993J



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m ZAMS} = 17~M_{\odot}$ model : too much O





A $M_{ m ZAMS}=$ 13 M_{\odot} model : somewhat too much O

Stars evolved and exploded with KEPLER



A $\textit{M}_{\rm ZAMS} = 12~\textit{M}_{\odot}$ model : good fit throughout

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SN 2011dh : Time evolution Jerkstrand+2015, A&A



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[O I] $\lambda\lambda$ 6300, 6364 in the three best observed IIb SNe $\rightarrow M_{ZAMS} = 12 - 15 M_{\odot}(M_O = 0.3 - 0.8M_{\odot}) \rightarrow$ low-mass stars stripped by binary interaction

Picture holds in larger samples of Ib/IIb SNe (work in prep.)



AJ+2015, A&A

Which stars make most of our oxygen?



Type Ic SNe (no H or He)

Most work so far single-zone modelling

SN	M(O)	Reference
1997ef	0.5	Mazzali+2004
1997dq	0.8	Mazzali+2004
1998bw	3-5	Mazzali+2001
2002ap	1.2	Mazzali+2007b
2006aj	1.5	Mazzali+2007a
2007gr	0.8	Mazzali+2010
2009bb	1.1	Pignata+2011
2012ap	0.5	Milisavljevic+2015
PTF10qts	0.7	Walker+2014

Except for SN 1998bw, low/moderate amounts of nucleosynthesis, also $M_{ZAMS} \lesssim~20 M_{\odot}$ progenitors

SLSNe Ic shows the highest O masses inferred so far in any SN ($\gtrsim 5 M_{\odot}$). This means *some* massive stars do explode *Jerkstrand+2017,ApJ*



Strong similarity to GRB SNe such as SN 1998bw



- Unlikely to involve fundamentally different scenarios.
- Is 4000-5500 Å plateau due to large amounts of Fe and therefore evidence for ⁵⁶Ni?

Understanding SN 1998bw Jerkstrand+, in prep.

- Standard $^{56}\rm{Ni}$ -powered models powering 6-10 M_{\odot} CO cores fit quite well.
- λ <5500 Å region formed by complex radiative transfer effects



Superluminous Ic SNe : indications of clumping



- High Mg I] 4571 luminosity requires cooling emission.
- Too large f : Mg fully ionized to Mg II \rightarrow weak Mg I] 4571 cooling.

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• Decrease f : Mg I fraction increases \rightarrow Mg I] 4571 strengthens and Mg I 5180 emerges.

• O I recombination lines strengthen, and can get also cooling contribution.

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- Observed ratio requires high electron density, $n_e\gtrsim 10^8~{
 m cm}^{-3}.$
- Similar result from O I recombination lines $(n_e = 10^8 10^9 \text{ cm}^{-3})$
- Need low filling factor to make reasonable ejecta masses from those n_e:

$$M = 3000 \ M_{\odot} f\left(\frac{n_e}{10^8 \text{ cm}^{-3}}\right) \left(\frac{\bar{A}}{40}\right) \left(\frac{x_e}{0.1}\right)^{-1}$$

Magnetar-powered ejecta become clumped, but constraints not yet strong enough to rule out other scenarios



The O II and O III lines: evidence for a second ejecta component?



- Seen sometimes. Velocities lower than neutral lines.
- Need large energy deposition into a low mass/low density region to reproduce.
- Inner pulsar wind nebula? Circumstellar interaction component?

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- Causally connects the massive CSM ejection and the SN (inspiral → common envelope ejection followed by explosion when WD reaches the centre of the other star).
- Common envelope ejection a well established process entire stellar envelope expected to be ejected on timescales of years/decades.
- Ia SNe make the right amounts of ⁵⁶Ni $(0.3 0.7 M_{\odot})$.



Summary

- Analysis of supernova nucleosynthesis can be made by nebular-phase spectral modelling : SUMO is a state-of-the-art code used for this.
- Almost all (non-superluminous) stripped-envelope SNe show small/moderate amounts of nucleosynthesis and appear to originate from $M_{ZAMS} \sim 8 20 \ M_{\odot}$ stars stripped in binaries.
- Some previous mysteries have probably been resolved e.g. apparent H α is in fact [N II] 6548, 6583 according to the models.
- Superluminous Ic SNe have higher O yields and could come from single stars (WR stars). Ejecta appear highly clumped.
- New detailed modelling of SN 1998bw ongoing.
- A recent breakthrough on SN 2006gy : nebular iron lines indicate a thermonuclear (Ia) supernova exploding inside an ejected common envelope